

B1 the speech recognizer, issuing at least one command message to a further apparatus via a control communication network.

B2 4. (Amended) A speech recognition apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the two audio source signals is received via an audio communication network from an audio source unit that is external to the speech recognition apparatus.

33 6. (Amended) A speech recognition apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speech recognition apparatus includes at least one audio input for receiving an audio signal from an audio source unit that is external to the speech recognition apparatus; the audio signal being received substantially for the purpose of canceling this audio signal from the microphone signal.

7. (Amended) A consumer electronics system comprising:
at least two audio source apparatuses;
an audio cancellation module, including:
an audio input for receiving an audio signal from a microphone; and
at least two audio inputs for receiving independent audio source signals from respective ones of the audio source apparatuses, at least two of the independent audio source signals contribute to the audio signal from the microphone;
the audio cancellation module being operative to produce a speech signal by canceling the at least two independent audio source signals from the audio signal from the microphone; and

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a speech recognizer for recognizing at least part of the speech signal.

8. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a control unit for, in response to a spoken instruction from a user that is recognized by the speech recognizer, issuing at least one command message to an apparatus in the system via a communication network.

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9. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least one of the audio source signals is received via the communication network from the associated audio source apparatus.

10. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the audio cancellation module is located in an apparatus of the system, where the apparatus includes at least one audio input for receiving an audio source signal from an audio source apparatus external to the apparatus; the audio signal being received substantially for the purpose of canceling this audio signal from the microphone signal.

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11. (Amended) An audio cancellation module, comprising:
an audio input for receiving an audio signal from a microphone; and
at least two audio inputs for receiving audio source signals from respective independent audio sources, both the at least two audio source signals contribute to the audio signal from the microphone;
the audio cancellation module being operative to produce a speech signal by canceling the at least two audio source signals from the audio signal from the microphone.